



# aquaculture

# biomass



The farming or cultivation of freshwater and saltwater organisms, including fish, shellfish, and algae.

The total mass of living matter in a given area; or, organic material made from plants and animals.



# commodity

# conserve



A product that is bought and sold.

To use a resource in such a way that it is not wasted, lost, or damaged.



# consumption rate

# crude oil



The amount of a resource that is eaten, consumed, or expended over a period of time.

The oil before it has been refined and made into gasoline and other products.





# energy resources

# essential



Resources that store potential energy (fuel) or contain kinetic energy that people can use.

Something that is necessary for an activity or process.





# human practices

# inexhaustible resources



The ways that individual people, communities, and societies do things, such as the harvesting or extracting of materials and production of goods.

Natural resources that will never run out.



# inputs

# junk mail



Things, such as materials and money, that go into the production of something, such as a manufactured product or crops (water, fertilizer).

Advertising sent by mail that is unwanted or not needed by the recipient.



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# natural resources



Resources that provide people with food, water, shelter, and other products.

Materials, such as water, minerals, energy, and soil, that people use from nature and natural systems.





# natural system

# nonrenewable resources



The parts, processes, and cycles in an environment, and the interactions among plants, animals, and other organisms with their environment.

Natural resources that are finite and exhaustible, and that are not naturally replenished as quickly as they are consumed.



# outputs

# perspective



Something that comes out of a process, such as manufacturing (products) or farming (crops).

A specific point of view in understanding or judging something.



# petroleum products

# potential energy



The products derived from crude oil.

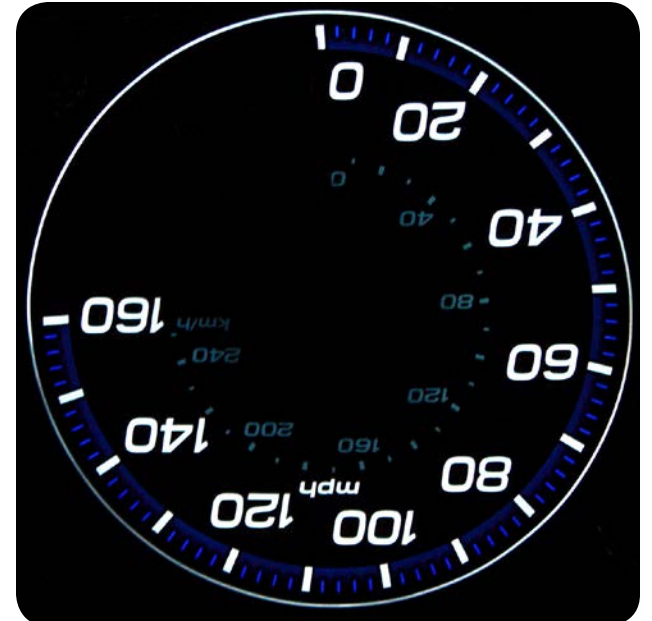
Stored energy, for example, energy  
stored in a battery.





# pros and cons

# rate



Arguments for or against a particular choice.

The amount of something measured per unit of time, such as miles per hour.



# reclaimed

# renewable resources



Restored to a previous natural state.

Natural resources that are naturally replenished at a rate comparable to the rate at which they are consumed by humans.



# supply

# survival



The total amount of a good or service that is available for people to buy or use.

To remain alive or in existence.





# turbine

A mechanism with blades or rotors that spin when driven by the pressure of steam, water, or air.